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Wiener Neustadt (O 18/X 34) airfield. On 23 February 1952, several air force soldiers doing excavation work on the landing field west of Badener Strasse. Soldiers were standing near AA guns and radar sets. There was no change in the status of the radar installation south of the Wiener Neustadt-Bad Fischau road.

2. Radar installations observed at the field just west of Badener Strasse from 9 a.m. to noon on 24 February included: two van-like trucks, one of which was fitted with a rod antenna, 300 to 400 meters north of the motor vehicle repair shop in the southwestern corner of the landing field (1); a radar set of the same type as that south of the Wiener Neustadt-Bad Fischau road, about 50 meters south of the two van-like trucks (a van-like truck was seen near this radar set) (2); a radio truck with a radar set, the outlines of which looked like an hour-glass, about 100 meters south of the second radar set (a vehicle, probably a mobile generator was standing in front of the radio truck) (3); a van-like truck with ladder-like devices about 100 meters south of the third radar set. A steel ladder about 25 centimeters wide was fitted in the middle of the left side of the van-like truck. Near the fourth rung from the top of the ladder, was a basket-like device consisting of cane netting about a half inch thick. Two bracing wires extended from the ladder to the upper edge of the right side of the truck. A second steel ladder about 50 centimeters wide was fitted half way up the side wall of the truck parallel to the ground. Diagonal bracings, which pointed in different directions at the two ends of the set, were seen between the rungs of the ladder. The middle section of the horizontal device was blocked to view by the longitudinal side of the van-like truck. Two searchlights pointing upward to the north and south respectively were installed in front of the truck. (4) Another van-like truck with a perpendicular ladder was observed about 100 meters south-southwest of the latter radar set. Four AA guns were standing 50 meters south of the radar installation. (5)
3. Between 4:15 and 7 p.m. on 25 February, about 40 single-engine jet aircraft and 5 biplanes were observed at the field. The jet planes were parked near the pyrotechnic plant and the flight control station. After 4:30 p.m., individual planes took off at intervals of 5 to 10 minutes. Flying continued until about 10 p.m. There was a gentle wind and a 1/10 overcast. (6)

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4. Between 4:30 and 5 p.m. on 26 February, [] the same number of air- 25X1
craft as on the previous day. [] flying was conducted 25X1
from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on that day. The radar installation south of the Wiener
Neustadt-Bad Fischau road had been dismantled and the site of the installation
was deserted. (2)
5. Between 4:15 and 8:30 p.m. on 27 February, flying at the field followed about
the same pattern as observed on 25 February. There was an 8/10 overcast. Eight
jet planes took off from the field at intervals of 20 minutes. Prior to each
take-off, a jeep proceeded from the flight control station to the plane at the
take-off point. The plane did not take off until the jeep had returned to the
flight control station. About 4:30 p.m. on 28 February, there was no air activity
during a light drizzle. [] flying at the field had 25X1
discontinued at 12:30 p.m. Between 4 and 6 p.m., flying activities were con-
ducted in the same way as on 27 February. The radar installation south of the
Wiener Neustadt-Bad Fischau road was again in operation. (2)
6. Trucks [] were seen in the yard of the former 25X1
Nachrichten Kaserne. On 27 and 29 February, the cantonment west of Wiener Neu-
stadt was guarded by air force soldiers. It appeared to be only lightly occu-
pied. The radio installation consisting of a cabin and four masts had dis-
appeared. Six trucks were parked in the garages. (7)
7. Bad Voesslau (O 48/X 36) airfield. On 25 February, [] 14 Pe-2s 25X1
and 3 Li-2s. There was no flying between 8 and 9:30 a.m. The weather was fair
and calm. Between 10:15 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., [] soldiers wearing 25X1
black-bordered blue epaulets at Voesslau Castle. A second eight strand cable
was seen at 15 Bahnstrasse, and van-like truck [] was parked in the yard 25X1
of this building. Otherwise, there was no change in the status of the buildings
of the town occupied by Soviet Air Force troops. Air force trucks [] 25X1
[] were seen in Bad Voesslau. (8)
8. Goetzendorf (P 49/X 57). On 28 February, 36 Pe-2s, 2 Tu-2s, and 3 single-engine
planes were observed at the field. There was no flying between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.
The weather was dull and rainy. Seventeen trucks, 10 tank trucks, 6 van-like
trucks and 3 jeeps, including trucks [] 25X1
[] and van-like truck [], were 25X1
observed at the parking lot. Truck [] and ambulance [] were also
seen. Five lieutenant colonels and 11 majors were seen at the officers' billets 25X1
near the south-eastern town exit. 25X1
9. Zwölfaring (P 49/X 48) airfield. On 1 March, 34 Pe-2s and 1 biplane were ob-
served at the field. There was no flying between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The
weather was fair and calm. Trucks [] were observed at the 25X1
field. At the Altenkettenhof installation near Schwechat (P 39/X 43) a guarded
roadblock divided the installation into two sections. Some soldiers wearing
black-bordered blue and black-bordered black epaulets were seen. (9)
10. Strasshof (P 49/S 50) airfield. On 3 March, [] 20 Pe-2s, 25 single- 25X1
engine jet planes and 9 single-engine conventional planes at the field. Between
8 a.m. and noon, only one single-engine plane made a 20-minute flight. The
weather was sunny and calm. Twelve trucks, 6 van-like trucks and 2 jeeps [] 25X1
[] were parked at the camp near the edge of the 25X1
woods. Ambulance [] tank truck [] were seen 25X1
in Strasshof. Between 12:15 and 1:45 p.m., [] 25X1
[] only one low wooden building of the aircraft repair plant was
occupied by guard personnel; 21 trucks [] 25X1
[], 6 van-like trucks and 5 tank trucks [] 25X1
[] were parked at the motor pool. Only some buildings near the motor
pool were still occupied by Russians. (10)

Comments.

- (1) For location of radar sets and AF guns in the southeastern portion of the field,
see Annex, sketch 1.

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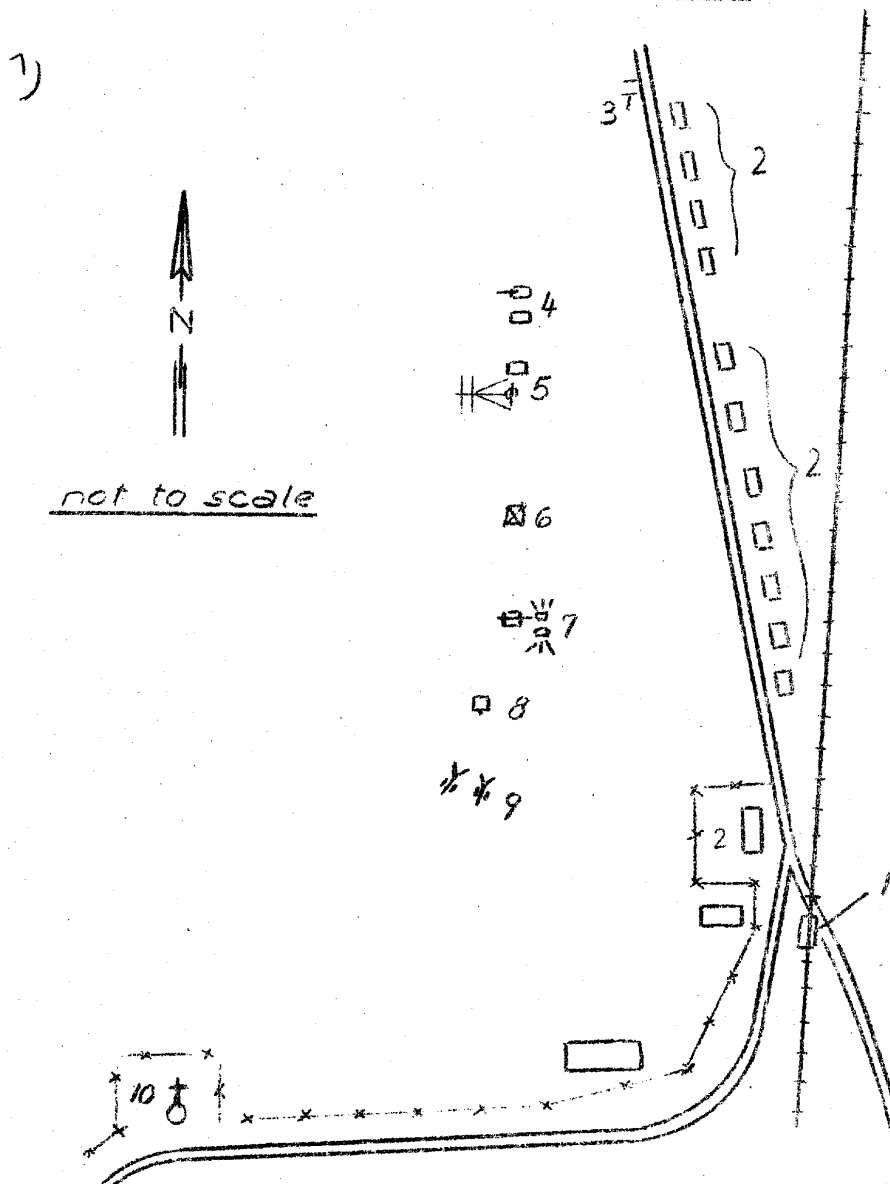
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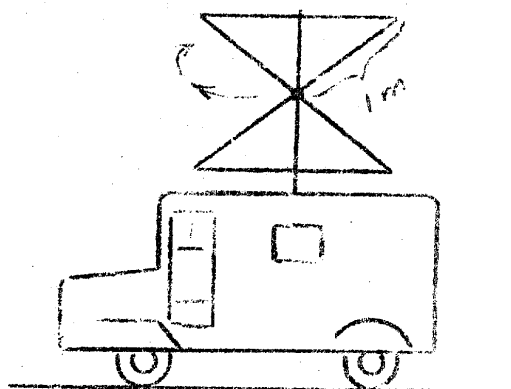
- (2) Since the Dumbo type radar set south of the Wiener Neustadt-Bad Fischau road was not at its usual location on 26 February, it is believed that the radar set observed at the landing field on 24 February, was identical with this set.
- (3) For rough sketch of this radio truck, see Annex, sketch 2. The sketch indicates that the radar set was of type AA No 4, PK(V) which has been observed in the Soviet Zone of Germany.
- (4) For sketch of this set, see Annex, sketch 3. It is believed that the horizontal ladder seen on this radio truck was an antenna reflector fitted with rows of dipoles. When the set is in operation the reflector is lifted along the perpendicular ladder. Technical details could not be determined from the description given [redacted]. The devices referred to as searchlights [redacted] may also have been radar sets. 25X1
- (5) It is believed that the radar sets mentioned [redacted] were participating in a radar exercise, which was held jointly with AAA and probably with aircraft units. 25X1
- (6) This statement indicates that the single-engine fighters previously stationed at Wiener Neustadt airfield had not returned by 25 February. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] It therefore appears likely that these aircraft were transferred to some other field, probably in Hungary.
- (7) The cantonment is located in the fork formed by the roads leading from Wiener Neustadt to Bad Fischau and Leifersdorf am Steinfelde (C 44/X 34). The removal of the radio installation with four masts previously observed there may be connected with the transfer of the fighters from Wiener Neustadt.
- (8) There was no change in the occupation of Bad Voeslau airfield. It appears that Voeslau Castle, in front of which army sentries were observed recently, has been reoccupied by an air force unit.
- (9) There was hardly any change in the occupation of Zwölfaxing airfield. The whereabouts of approximately 10 Pe-2s previously stationed there is unknown.
- (10) Compared with previous information, the number of aircraft stationed in Strasshof decreased by 20 Pe-2s. [redacted] It is not known where these 25X1 aircraft moved. The transfer is probably connected with the recent evacuation of Deutsch Wagram. Part of the air force personnel involved moved to Aspern (P 49/X 49).

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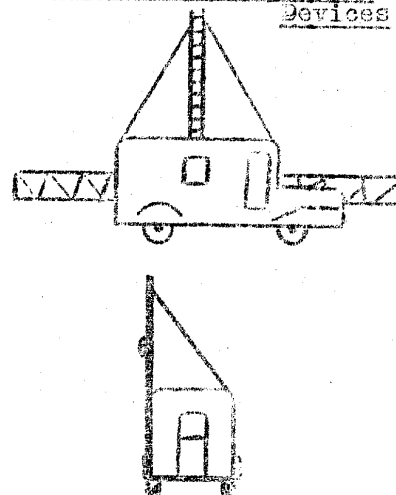
Position of Radar Sets at Wiener Neustadt



2) Radio Truck

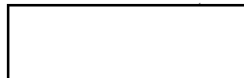


3) Van-like Truck with Ladder Devices



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Legend:

- 1 Railroad station of the Suedbahn
- 2 Private houses
- 3 Sign board near the town border of Hinner Neustadt
- 4 Two van-like trucks, one of which was fitted with a rod antenna
- 5 Dumbo type radar set
- 6 Radio truck with antenna. See detail sketch 2
- 7 Radio truck with two ladders. See detail sketch 3
- 8 Van-like truck with one perpendicular ladder
- 9 Four AA guns
- 10 Church near entrance of airfield

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